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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of DECEMBER, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

## POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st March 1945 was estimated to be 489,691.

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Issues prior to April 1945 contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only)

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			NOVEMBER		11 months ended	
			1945	1944	November 1945	November 1944
Marriages	..	No.	337	362	3,440	4,145
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	8.31	9.06	7.66	9.34
Births	..	No.	852	882	10,022	10,008
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	21.02	22.08	22.32	22.54
Deaths	..	No.	393	371	4,353	4,164
"		*Rate per 1000 of population	9.69	9.29	9.69	9.38
Infant Mortality	No.		28	32	295	323
"	"	Rate per 1000 live births	32.86	36.28	29.44	32.27
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			15	17	152	142
Cancer			50	62	533	520
Influenza			2	-	10	9
Diphtheria			-	1	17	21
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			31	29	403	372
Arteriosclerosis			15	17	164	167
Diseases of the Heart			119	94	1,232	1,011
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			27	19	261	307
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			2	4	42	49
Nephritis			18	12	187	156
Diseases of Early Infancy			19	22	170	174
Senility			10	13	136	170
Accidents			17	14	226	232
All Other Causes			68	67	820	834
Total			393	371	4,353	4,164

\*Equivalent Annual Rate

See Overleaf

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December 1945 totalled 229,608 acres, an increase of 5,190 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,452,190 acres, a decrease of 782,810 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of December		6 months ended December	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	994,001	1,334,173	6,112,726	6,688,554
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.0.3d.	£2.14.8d.	£12.8.3d.	£13.14.10.
Expenditure ..	1,168,175	1,299,154	6,989,562	6,832,189
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.7.4d.	£2.13.3d.	£14.3.10d.	£14.0.8d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st December 1945 amounted to £35,449,207, or £71.16.1d. per head of population, as against £28,774,938, or £58.18.11d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 31st December 1945 amounted to £3,233,275, compared with £2,880,819 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	..	(No.	1,227	782	6,419	5,117
		(£.	574,196	352,114	2,780,756	2,051,592
Mortgages	..	(No.	494	235	2,414	1,367
		(£.	356,217	214,558	2,090,764	1,342,725
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	524	385	3,500	2,861

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340
March	697,298	750,151	1,362,562	108,056
April	765,446	685,948	1,276,250	110,919
May	854,328	759,824	1,739,042	129,591
June	787,976	813,528	1,454,764	118,410
July	746,309	671,083	1,543,774	113,791
August	789,944	794,990	1,376,342	122,199
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

23 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £560,500, and 13 Foreign Companies were registered for the six months ended 31st December, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were registered 4 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £17,500, and 6 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	6 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	8	16,281	6,259	1	2,660	1,645
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	2,025	230	1	672	1,016
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

		NOVEMBER		5 months ended November	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings	£.	339,800	367,000	1,669,500	1,863,700
Working Expenses	£.	344,341	319,082	1,666,540	1,561,495
Train miles run		517,366	523,933	2,552,927	2,643,825
Passenger Journeys		1,355,610	1,400,992	6,918,477	7,534,575
Tonnage carried -					
Paying Goods		192,670	225,712	982,443	1,192,119
Livestock		16,611	16,003	63,912	68,193
Departmental (Free Freight)		41,947	44,630	193,617	219,891
Total		251,228	286,345	1,239,972	1,480,203
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		24,751,754	24,728,970	125,778,458	129,882,333
Livestock		1,883,597	1,956,869	7,401,725	7,503,975
Departmental (Free Freight)		6,071,984	6,365,676	27,777,488	32,220,499
Total		32,707,335	33,051,515	160,957,671	169,606,807

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	-	38	1	4
March	1	26	1	24	3	33	1	33
April	1	20	-	2	1	79	-	8
May	2	22	2	24	2	110	4	55
June	6	20	-	7	9	20	-	7
July	-	20	2	7	-	34	2	8
August	-	12	-	7	-	21	-	7
September	2	19	-	4	2	29	-	6
October	5	21	1	4	7	31	-	15
November	4	26	-	11	4	30	-	11
December	6	9	1	5	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
September	17,950	6,188	193	2,637	29,699	23,549	226	4,278
October	18,195	6,528	199	2,932	29,889	24,300	238	4,682
November	18,393	6,762	201	3,139	30,351	25,168	243	5,068
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## (3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - DECEMBER	89	418	5	7

## TRADE

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) during the five months ended November 1945 and 1944 respectively, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	November		5 months ended November		November		5 months ended November	
	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944	1945	1944
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	557	398	2,255	2,308	1,555	1,238	5,462	6,147
Interstate	1,133	1,369	6,376	6,203	704	284	3,897	1,279
Total	1,690	1,767	8,631	8,511	2,259	1,522	9,359	7,426



BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
DECEMBER, 1945	124	107,740	7	7,543	178	37,852	309	154,884
DECEMBER, 1944	35	21,688	-	-	73	5,826	108	27,514
6 months ended December 1945	602	483,279	21	22,586	1,152	167,621	1,775	675,235
6 months ended December 1944	209	132,316	9	11,393	557	115,644	775	259,353

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.  
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
DECEMBER, 1945	20	13,615	2	1,475	31	2,712	53	17,802
DECEMBER, 1944	2	917	1	180	13	1,053	16	2,150
6 months ended December 1945	89	66,264	11	4,882	182	13,849	282	85,095
6 months ended December 1944	28	16,803	6	1,486	132	9,491	166	27,780

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,961,775 lbs. were produced during November 1945, and 8,282,141 lbs. for the five months ended November 1945, as against 1,826,201 lbs. and 8,230,881 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		DECEMBER		12 months ended December	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	37,760	42,107	406,393	466,264
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	406,393	446,335	5,010,541	4,900,001

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December 1945 amounted to £387,291, as against £814,715 for the corresponding period last year.

## RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1050	1046	1059	1058
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1180	1186	1191	1186
Northam	1058	1054	1068	1069
Bunbury	1032	1029	1042	1041
Geraldton	1073	1069	1083	1093

## EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employ- ees = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138	143	-	986	861	824	868
March	112	118	132	139	142	-	962	846	825	877
April	111	118	134	139	142	-	955	835	827	876
May	112	119	131	140	143	-	927	836	832	891
June	113	118	135	139	143	-	907	835	829	903
July	113	117	136	140(a)	143	1000	888	828	832	899(c)
August	113	119	136	140	142	987	882	814	832	897(c)
September	114	120	137	140	139	994	877	806	834	914
October	115	122	138	141	139	996	874	801	837	929
November	116	123	136	142	142	1016	873	814	851	965
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(c) Revised.

## ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	DECEMBER		6 months ended December	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,828	14,494	92,415	92,868
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	11,639	11,285	77,820	78,038

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
DECEMBER 1945	5,706	414	87,564	18,518
DECEMBER, 1944	5,511	532	138,108	15,211
Twelve months ended December 1945	68,822	3,940	907,095	169,717
Twelve months ended December 1944	53,524	4,047	1,171,535	156,170